



The Livsey Letter

News from the Livsey PTO

February 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Notes

Character Trait of the Month

COURAGE

What is Courage?

What is Courage? Doing the right thing in the face of difficulty and following your conscience instead of the crowd.

Morning Car Rider Drop Off:

Car riders drop off (in the circle) begins at 7:10 AM and ends at 8:00 AM sharp. Staff members and patrols will come inside at 8:00 AM. Students are tardy if they are not in their classrooms at 8:00 AM when the school day starts. Parents will need to walk inside the building with their students and sign their students in the front office after 8:00 AM. Homeroom begins at 7:45 AM.

Reminders:

- Students may enter the building through the carpool circle door or the front door between 7:15-8:00 AM.
- Parents and visitors can only enter the building through the front door and must sign in with the front office.
- Student may not enter a trailer from the parking lot, students must come through the building so we can walk them to class.
- Tardy students must be walked in by an adult and signed in at the front office. Students are tardy if they are not in classroom by 8:00 AM.

Absences:

Please communicate with the homeroom teacher when your student is absent. Also, send any attendance excuses or doctor's notes to LivseyAttendanceRequest@dekalbschoolsga.org for the registrar. You may include teacher and registrar on same email for convenience.

DCSD Excused Absences Policy:

Excused absences are defined by law and in the rules of the Georgia Board of Education. Students enrolled in the District shall be excused from attending school in the following circumstances:

- Personal illness;
- Death or illness in the immediate family;
- Religious holidays;
- Instances where attendance by the student will be hazardous;
- Tests and physical exams for military service and the National Guard;
- Students eligible to vote in a public election may be allowed no more than one day for registering to vote or voting in a public election; or
- A student whose parent or legal guardian serving in the U.S. military may be allowed up to five days per school year to visit with the parent or legal guardian either prior to the parent or legal guardian's deployment or while the parent or guardian is on leave from deployment.

Attendance:

Please commit to making sure your child attends school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. Every day counts. Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school. Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being, as well as our school.

Lost and Found:

If your child is missing a coat, jacket, shirt, lunchbox, etc., stop by and check out the lost and found (located near the Media Center). Please write your student's name in jackets, coats, and water bottles.

Livsey Theater Presents - Unhappily Ever After - The Musical

A counselor has opened an office to see how various fairy tale characters are getting along. She quickly discovers that nobody has lived 'happily ever after' at all! Sleeping Beauty will do nothing but nap, the Frog Prince refuses to give up his amphibian ways and nothing will pry Cinderella away from her beloved cinders. The counselor sets about making everything right again, with equally disastrous results. Added to the fractured fairy tale fun are five catchy musical numbers, cameo roles by our chorus of fairy tale characters, and plenty of silliness for everybody involved!

Get your tickets now!

Adults: \$6.00

Students: \$4.00

[Buy Tickets](#)

Co-Presidents' Notes

Hello Livsey Families!

We are excited for a fun-filled February here at Livsey. **The PTO Board will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.** As always, all are welcome to join us.

Our **Family Night Out for this month will be on February 7th from 4-8pm at Village Burger!**

The students will be celebrating **Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14th**, with fun crafts, valentines, and classroom parties. Thanks to all the room parents and classroom teachers who help organize these fun celebrations. Contact your room parents for more information and how you can help out.

School will be closed Friday, February 16th through Monday, February 19th for February Break and observance of President's Day.

Our next **general PTO meeting will be held in the Livsey cafeteria on Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** Be sure to attend to hear the latest on what's happening at Livsey, including Ms. Pickett's Principal's report. After the meeting, we will have some special performances at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

On **Friday, February 23rd, the Livsey PTO will be hosting the annual school dance** The school dance is for Livsey students, younger siblings, and their parents only (sorry, older siblings are not allowed- this one's just for Livsey students and their younger siblings!). This year's event is '80s-themed, so "everybody, cut footloose!" If you have never attended a school dance, please join us for an amazing DJ, great music, and of course, FUN! The dance will be held in the Livsey cafeteria from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Thanks to Whitney Teyf, chair of the school dance committee, and her committee members for all their work on this event. Volunteers are always needed to help make our PTO events a success. Please consider volunteering 30 minutes or one hour of your time during the school dance. Stay tuned for details.

As we look forward to next school year, the Livsey PTO is always looking for parents willing to volunteer for its various committees and board positions. If you would like to serve on the PTO Board or would like to help with a specific committee, please let us know. You can contact us at LivseyPTO@gmail.com. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and would love to have some new faces involved in the PTO. We have had a fun and successful year thus far, and can only continue that with your help. Class field trips, in-school programs, the upcoming school dance, materials for teachers and staff, and many, many other events are paid for and sponsored by the PTO.

Thank you for your time and financial investment in our PTO! It is a pleasure to serve with you at our amazing school!

Traci Rothwell & Nicola Williams

Livsey PTO Co-Presidents 2023-2024

Livsey Family Spotlight: The Hayden Family

My name is Abbey Hayden and my daughter Olivia (7) is in the 2nd grade! I'm born and raised in Atlanta and have lived in the Tucker area majority of my life. I graduated from Lakeside High School.

I have worked in the hospitality industry for over twenty years. I currently work for my family-owned knife sharpening business, The Blade-Smith. On the weekends, you can find us at the soccer fields, hanging out at Henderson Park with our Livsey friends or spending time with family. Olivia and I love going to Braves games and Atlanta United games together. Olivia and I normally make a yearly trip out to Colorado to visit family.

Olivia and I love being a part of the Livsey community. We love the small school feel in a large community. We love the teachers and all of the administrators at Livsey. They are so supportive and passionate about their students and their families. I am highly involved with the PTO. I am the Room Parent Coordinator and the Co-Chair for Bingo, Books and Bake Sale event. We have met so many amazing people at Livsey! We love all of the school events especially Spring Fling and Screen On The Green.



Livsey Staff Spotlight: Karen Hill

Hello, I am Karen Hill, and I came to partner with Livsey in 2022 as the Registrar/Secretary.

I am Co-Owner of Doc 2 Doc Logistics, Kreation by K and a 96-acre Farm in Mississippi.

My favorite movies are anything related to Christmas.

The things I enjoy doing is having backyard BBQ's, playing games (indoor and outdoor), watching my grandkids participate in organized sports and cooking.

My favorite thing about partnering with Livsey is the Staff, Teachers, Community and of course the **KIDS**.

I am Married with 2 adult kids and 5 grandchildren.





Livsey Elementary School PTO is hosting the return of the Livsey Color 5K! Our goal is to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative with the hopes to instill a life-long healthy way of living. We're extremely excited about this event and are looking forward to involving our entire student body and faculty. We also want to engage the entire community and encourage local businesses and individual community members to get involved.

The Livsey Color 5K will be held on April 13th, 2024, at Livsey Elementary School The course will feature stations where participants will be doused with color along the route and a powdered color toss celebration at the end. Interested participants can register for the run by completing the paper registration form, visiting our event site at the button below.

You must register by March 15th to guarantee a run T-shirt and color packet.

[Register](#)

Family Night Out: Village Burger

LIVSEY'S
FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Village  **Burger**

VILLAGE BURGER
2329 MAIN STREET . TUCKER .



WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH
4:00 - 8:00

20% of all sales, including To-Go and alcohol, will be donated back to the school. So, come on out for dinner and have some good food with good friends! Don't forget to tell them you're with Livsey!!



Mark Your Calendars

(sign up for text reminders by texting @livseypto to the number 81010)

Monday, February 5

- PTO Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

- FNO: Village Burger

Wednesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day Parties

Friday, February 16 - Monday, February 19

- Winter Break — No school

Thursday, February 22

- General PTO Meeting

Friday, February 23

- School Dance



PTO Emails: [Click here](#) to join PTO email list to receive PTO newsletters and emails.

PTO Text Messages (REMIND): Text @livseypto to 81010 to sign up for PTO reminders on your phone.

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